President.—Was there a man to assist the Civil Surgeon in the operation theatre before your advent?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There was.

A statement of operations in the General Hospital.

49. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number and description of the various operations performed in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, during the last 4 years, from 1098, year by year?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Statements containing the information are placed on the Council Secretary's table for reference.

The selection of nurses for the operation theatre.

50. **Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether a junior nurse has been selected for training in the operation theatre, while there were senior hands, as matrons and nurses, willing to get the necessary training, and why, if the answer is in the affirmative, the selection was so made;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon, Trichur, requested his nurses to be trained in the operation theatre at Ernakulam, and what were the orders passed in that connection; (a copy of the order may be placed on the table);

(c) whether it will be arranged that all nurses are taken for the necessary training in the operation theatre for a fixed period by turns?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The most suitable one amongst the nurses was selected as an assistant to the Sister in charge of the operation theatre. The choice is at the discretion of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(b) The Civil Surgeon, Trichur, requested that the volunteer nurses may be trained in the General Hospital. They were novices untrained in the elements of nursing and not on the Permanent staff of the Hospital. It was premature to give them the special training in the operation theatre. A copy of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's order is appended. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

(c) No; because it is not necessary to give all the nurses of a hospital this special training, and it is only intended for select nurses.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was the present incumbent the only one suitable and competent nurse in the General Hospital, Ernakulam? Is it the opinion of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

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